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A METHOD OF IMMUNIZING HUMANS AGAINST

SALMONELLA TYPHI USING A VI-rEPA CONJUGATE

VACCINE

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.111

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2002. A response is due July 30, 2002, without an extension of time. This response is accompanied by a petition for a one month extension of time and fee, extending the time to reply until August 30, 2002, therefore, this response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 6-11, 13 and 15 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims and add new claims as indicated:

1. (Amended) A method of inducing, in a human, serum antibodies which

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